

JEFFERSON SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2024

Present: Robert Clark, Jr and Claudia Orff-Reed

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm.

Meeting Minutes: July 29, 2024 - approved (2-0)

Handouts:

PLANNING BOARD:

- Bill Farren was present to discuss the amended Building Ordinance to accommodate the new housing laws – he indicated that the Planning Board has approved the changes 5-0.
- Bill has also made the changes to the Solar Farm Ordinance that were requested by Pam.
- A motion was made to accept the Solar Farm Ordinance to be placed on the 11/05/2024 ballot, seconded (2-0)
- A motion was made to accept the changes to the Building Ordinance to be placed on the 11/05/2024 ballot (2-0)

ROAD COMMISSIONER:

- SENNETT ROAD – the Road Commissioner will go and mark the trees that need to come down, and once marked Robert will drive by to confirm.
- NORTH MOUNTAIN ROAD – There was a call about a tree down, the Road Commissioner will assess what needs to be done.
- EGYPT ROAD –
 - The Road Commissioner has identified that a large culvert needs to be replaced at Footloose Lane – Robert has authorized the Road Commissioner to replace it.
 - The estimate from Tim Purington for the blasting along Egypt Road was considered reasonable, the estimate didn't include the last little bit that was ditched, which will need to be added. The Road Commissioner was authorized to contact Tim to set up the work dates.
 - Lynne will bring the balance information for both the URIP and ARPA funds to the next Select Board meeting.
- SOMERVILLE ROAD – UPDATE – still waiting for McGee to make the repairs.
- NORTH MOUNTAIN ROAD – UPDATE – The Road Commissioner has filled in with dirt around the mailbox so the Post Office can now deliver the mail.
- WINTER SAND & SALT –
 - Lynne will contact Jimmy to let him know he needs to repair the light in the Salt Shed before September 1st because they will begin delivering the salt after that.
 - The Road Commissioner brought the information from Dylan Peaslee about the estimate to haul the salt – the quote was \$92/ton for 5 loads. A motion was made to accept the estimate (2-0)
- GOOSE HILL ROAD – UPDATE – The Road Commissioner had hot topped the ditch.

JEFFERSON FIRE AND RESCUE – FIRE TRUCK:

- Darin Walker and Greg Johnston were present to discuss the purchase of a new fire truck – it's a smaller truck and will allow easier access to the camp roads – the old truck had severe wire erosion, and the pump would not have passed inspection. The price of the new truck is \$373,710 and on 01/01/2025 the price increases by \$56,000.
- The current funds available are \$276,963. The balance will need to come from Surplus. A motion was made to write an article to put on the ballot for the 11/05/2024 vote to ask the Town to authorize the funds be allocated for the fire truck from the Surplus account and if the truck is sold before we can purchase it the funds will be returned to the Surplus account, seconded (2-0)

ROUTE 32 SAFETY CONCERNS:

- There was a complaint about the speed limit on Route 32 by the Jefferson General Market and Jefferson Scoop.
- There was a letter sent in August 2022 to the DOT requesting they review the speed limit, but we never received a response. Lynne will call the DOT and follow up.

NEW CONTRACT FOR ONLINE CREDIT CARD FOR RAPID RENEWAL:

- A motion was made to accept the contract for the online credit card processing for Rapid Renewal, seconded (2-0)

CATTLE POUND:

- The Cattle Pound needs to be weed whacked – Lynne will call Josh Sevon and have him do it, and next year it will be included in the mowing contract.

ALEWIVES:

- The Alewives contract will go out to bid sometime after the 11/05/2024 election.

QUITCLAIM DEED:

- The quitclaim deed for 16 Lake Farm Circle (Jennifer Hensley, Trustee for the Bush Family Trust) was signed by the Select Board.

TAX COMMITMENT 2024 MIL RATE:

- A motion was made to accept the 2024 mil rate to be set at 12.11/1,000, seconded (2-0)

SELECT BOARD SIGNING AUTHORITY:

- A motion was made to allow all three Select Board Members to have signing authority for the Town of Jefferson to sign checks, seconded (2-0)
- Lynne will get a signature card from the bank to allow Claudia to have signature authority.

REPAIRS AT THE TOWN OFFICE:

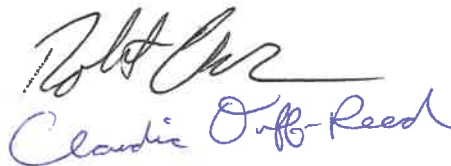
- Claudia has talked with David Bond who is interested in doing the repair work at the Town Office. A list of repairs will be made, and David Bond will be contacted to begin the work.

WIRING AT THE TOWN OFFICE:

- Lynne is having the connection at the Town Office monitored, our issues have increased recently, and IT will be watching to determine if the wiring needs to be repaired or if it's an internet or a TRIO server issue. The rewiring will be funded by ARPA and we need to commit the funds before 12/31/2024 for either the wiring or the Egypt Road project.

Approved Town Expense Warrant in the amount of \$150,654.69.

The Select Board meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm.



Claudia Duff-Reed